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LIGHT ON BIPARTISAN "DEALS" DUE TODAY IN PENROSE PROBE

Reorganization Democrats Point to Affiliations Between Old Guard and Liquor Ring of Machine.

uard Democrats and the Republican Organization in Philadelphia through a communion of interests in the "liquor are expected to be brought to before the Senate Committee on vileges and Elections when that committee meets in Washington today to decide upon an investigation of Sentor Penrose's primary campaign "slush

Reorganizers point out that the Old Gaard Democratic City Committee, which frequently has been a party to bipartideals, is bound to the Republican organization and the liquor interests by ancial and marriage ties through its mirman, B. Gordon Bromley

he Continental Brewing Company, at the Continental Brewing Company, at list street and Washington avenue. John Gardiner, president of the brew-ery, is his brother-in-law. Gardiner lives at 1800 Pine street, in the 17th division of the Seventh Ward, and was enrolled at the last election as a Re-wiblican.

Gardiner, according to reports, has been called to appear as a witness be-fore the Senate Committee as the presient of the Pennsylvania Brewers' As eclation. The reports state that the mittee has also called Charles F Ettla who manages the mahogany-fur-nished offices of the Fennsylvania Brewers' Association at 1504 Land Title Build-ing, and Neil Bonner, of 22d and Carpenter streets, president of the Penn pylvania Federation of Liquor Dealers. Bonner was associated with the old Donnelly-Ryan organization 10 years ago, and later became an independent Democrat. Last spring he returned to the Old Guard fold. Immediately after the primaries he announced that he was a Republican, and that he would support Senator Penrose and the Re-publican ticket. Ettla has always been

"liquor man" in politics.
It has been through the influence of fromley, its chairman, and his connec-ions with a Republican, a "liquor man" and a former Democrat, that the Demo eratic City Committee has obeyed the dictates of the liquor interests by refusing to support the Democratic party of the State in its local option piedge. Bromley and Vance C. McCormick, the mocratic candidate for Governor on platform which the organization headed by Bromley refused to indorse, were delegates to the last Democratic National Convention and voted together or President Wilson. They both worked o swing Pennsylvania in line for Wil-

ernor, however, on a platform of hich local option was a principal plank, comies broke with McCormick because financial and other connections with the brewery interests, and the Dem-beratic City Committee, under Bromley's endership, falled to indorse the Dem matic State platform because it favored

Political leaders who are watching the effort being made for a Senate investiration of Senator Penrose's campaigr funds, today recalled Bromley's views on liquor question, expressed by the Democratic City Committee chairman three weeks after the primary election. At that time Bromley, in answer to a question regarding the probable attitude of the City Committee toward the Democratic State platform, called local option said that he did not know the views of of the Democratic City miftee, but that this was his personal

RIDICULES PENROSE'S FAILURE TO MEET CHARGES

Palmer Shows Weakness of Attempt-

CORRY, Pa., Sept. 25.-Congressman A itchell Palmer, candidate nited States Senate, stopped here just long enough this morning to ridicule the reak reply made by Senator Penrose to the indictment against his public record in Washington which Mr. Palmer ha been placing before the voters throughout the State.

from Penrose in the newspapers, and sed, for throughout his entire speech held it up to ridicule, exposed its weakness and pointed to its reply to a single one of the charges made sainst Penroseism.

Mr. Palmer arrived here from Sayre, where he spoke last night. Today he channa County, ending at Montrose night, where he will address a political

At Sayre last night Mr. Palmer fired a long list of questions at Penrose, askrecorded in Washington against measures designed for public good. Especially bevere was his denunciation of Penrose for the resolution which he introduced in the Senate pressing for war with

JUROR OUT ALL NIGHT

Court Decides to Dismiss Man From Further Service.

J. McGlone, a paperhanger, 2213 North Fifteenth street, who was emed to serve as a juror for the Sepember term of Quarter Sessions Court to 1, appeared in Court today showing No. 1. appeared in Court today showir blainly the effects of an all-night party. Crief Levi Hart was the first to notice McGione. When Court was convened it was with considerable effort that McGione stood up, and then it was necessary for two of his fellow jurors to support him.

You have been out on an all-night

McGione admitted it and started to ex-plain. He stopped suddenly when told that he was excused from further service, without pay. He was ordered to ap-pear in court on Monday, and if he does not then show better control he may face

contempt proceedings. Held on Charg of Burgiary Morris Hayes, of 34 Sloan street, Frankhe home of George Q. Shock, 5523 Frankball by Magistrate Borie for a further hearing October 2. Walter H. Day, the Conductor, went into the Shock buckyard a drink of water and found Hayes light to force open the door,

"SLUSH" INQUIRY PROBABLE BEFORE NOVEMBER LECTION

Testimony in Sullivan Case Expected to Open Door on Penrose Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Dr. Carl S. Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, was the only witness who appeared today at the executive session of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which has under consideration the North Secretary of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which has under consideration the North Secretary of the North Secr the Norris resolution, providing for an investigation by the committee of the senatorial primaries in Pennsylvania and Illinois. Doctor Vrooman is from Illinois and his testimony related to the expendi-tures of Roger C. Sullivan.

Pennsylvanians who are familiar with the manner in which Senator Penrose's campaign for renominatio was conducted will appear before the committee at II o'clock temorrow. Senator Kern, chairman of the committee, refuses to reveal the identity of the Pennsylvania wit-

iesses. Doctor Vrooman's testimony today is said to have increased the demand for the investeigation asked for by Senator Norris. While the committee met behind closed doors and refuesd to discuss th version of the testimony given by Doctor Vrooman, the Evening Ledger is informed that the Norris resolution will be favorably reported to the Senate. Every effort will be made by Senator Norris and other advocates of the resolution to have the investigation conducted before the

1,500,000 RUSSIANS ROUT GERMANS ON PRUSSIAN BORDER

Great Battle Impends as Russians, Resuming Offensive, Advance From Polish Frontier Along 150-Mile Line.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25. General Rennenkampf has already reumed the offensive against the Germans and hold the entire East Prussia frontier line while he is driving the Germans who invaded Russian Poland in force back n their own bases.

They have already very strongly fortided the Vistula River from Danzig south, and are evidently preparing to make their real defense along this line.

The news of the war in the east indi cates, after all reasonable allowances for exaggeration are made, that the immense orces of Russia are rapidly nearing the Serman frontier, on a line of advance 50 miles wide.

Within a few days is expected news of a pitched battle, as vast as that of the Aisne, between 1,000,000 Germans and Austrians, who are concentrating on this line to save the Kaiser's territory, and 1.500,000 Russians.

Bellef that the direct Russian advance against Germany is apidly progressing is partially confirmed by an announceitary authorities there have cut all tele-graphic communication between Breslau Posen, Oppeln and Liebnitz. This would ndicate the approach of the Russian armies. There were rumors two days ago that Cossacks had been seen a few miles east of Breslau

The re-occupation of Soldau, East Prys-sia, where General Rennenkampf suffered heavy losses in a battle with superior forces of Germans, was announced last evacuating the district about Soldau.

The War Office announces: "There is no fighting on the German front. Three attempts by the Germans o penetrate Russian territory have been repulsed and the Germans have been completely expelled by General Rennenkampf. oads in East Prussia have closed to ordinary traffic, indicating a great move ment of German troops. They are also

BRAUMBAUGH AT ALTOONA: HAS CORDIAL RECEPTION

Prominent Men Welcome Candidate and He Addresses School Children. ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 25 .- Dr. Martin 3. Brumbaugh and Henry Houck, arrived here this morning for the big Re publican mass meeting tonight. A notable delegation met them at the station. It included George W. Creighton, general superintendent, and N. W. Smith, super-

tendent, Pennsylvania Railroad; Mayo Walker, ex-Congressman J. Hicks, County Chairman Plummer and nearly all the local Republican leaders.

After a brief reception they were es corted in automobiles to the Altoons High School, where 1200 boys and girls marched into the auditorium. Dr. Brumbaugh gave the students a heart to heart talk. He advised them to stick to school and make the most of their time while they were in school. He called atention to the fact that if all the school

children in Pennsylvania were column ten abreast they would form an ever marched under any flag," he de-

After Doctor Houck spoke the candidates were the guests of the school lirectors at a lunch served in the High School by students in the domestic cience department. Doctor Brumbaugh pronounced it one of the most palatable

he ever ate. This afternoon the schools of Juniata suburb, were visited, and later a reention was held in a prominent hotel Tonight Senator Penrose will arrive here to speak at the rally.

At Lewistown last night Doctor Brumbaugh repeated his strong pledge for local option. "I stand," he said," for extension of the local option privilege the people of every county in this ommonwealth, believing as I do that he people should determine for themon. And I ask your support in the

The meeting at Lewistown was nort of home reception to Doctor Brumbaugh, for it was there years ago that he was ngaged in educational work. According y in his speech he called the people his oyhood friends and neighbors, and their applause proved that they remembered him well and favorably.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Cloudy tonight, Saturday fair; contimmed cool; moderate north and northwest winds.

For details, see page 14.

WILSON TURNS DOWN JERSEY DEMOCRATS SECOND TERM BOOST

President Says Such Action Would Take Advantage of Present Extraordinary Situation for Personal Gain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 .- President filson today declined to allow the Demcrats of New Jersey to indorse him for second term.

He believed that such an indorsement night look as if he were "taking advantage of the extraordinary situation nov existing to gain some personal advantage through such an expression of confidence by them

He directed his secretary, J. P. Tumulty o write a letter to Edward E. Grosscup State Treasurer of New Jersey, outlining

"My Dear Grosscup:

"You were generous enough to consulne as to whether the Democrats of New Jersey should at this time endorse the President for a second term. I had a talk with the President about it and he deeply increciates the generosity of the suggestion, but New Jersey is his own state the men who would act in this matter are his own personal friends, and he cels that it might seem as if he wer situation now existing to gain some peronal advantage through such an exression of confidence by them.

"This would be inconsistent with his whole thought and spirit, and he shrinks from it as from something that would mbarrass rather than help him.

"He feels confident that you will know he spirit in which he says this, and that in urging the Democrats of New Jersey not to do this he is not abating in the east his deep appreciation.

"Very sincerely yours "J. P. TUMULTY. "Secretary to the President."

JAPANESE BOMBARD GERMAN FORTRESS WITH LAND FORCES

Tsing-Tao, on Chinese Peninsula, Besieged and Terrific Firing Meets Assault. Night Attack Expected.

PEKIN, Sept. 25.

The first Japanese attack against the German works at Tsing-Tao on the land side in which Allies have figured was egun today, according to information received in this cty.

A force of British troops under Brigadier-General Nathaniel W. Bernardiston. 500 South Wales borderers, 400 Indian Sikhs and Japanese began bombarding the

(Tsing-Tao is the port of the German leasehold of Kiao-Chau on the Shan

The Allica are making a vigorous assault against the German works, and the German artillery is replying vigor-

It is expected that the Japanese troops and their allies will make a night attack against the German works soon.

RUMANIA ON VERGE OF WAR Declaration Against Austria Now Expected Hourly.

PARIS, Sept. 25 .- A Rome dispatch says that Rumania is about to declare war

Such a declaration has been expected for the last few days.

Already Rumania has begun to mobil-

WILSON SIGNS "ALLEY BILL"

Eyes Dimmed With Tears as He Ap proves Measure Urged by Dear Wife. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.-President Wilson, his eyes dimmed with tears, signed today the so-called "alley" bill, which wipes out the slums of Washington.

The measure was advocated by Mrs Wilson, who personally made an in vestigation of the crowded precincts of the capital and who, on her deathbed. whispered that she wanted the legislation to go through. Just before her death she was assured her last wish would

WOMAN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Department Store Employe Suffers

From Contusions and Shock. Hit by an automobile at Twentieth and Market streets last night, Margaret Lennon, 28 years old, an employe in a Market street department store, was taken to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where she was found to be suffering from severe entusions and shock.

The automobile was driven by Howard R. Scarbor, 108 East Third street, Wil-mington. He was arrested by Police-man Sullivan, of the Fifteenth and Vine

streets station.

BRITISH CAPTURE PORT

IN GERMAN NEW GUINEA

Australian Forces Seize Kaiser Wilhelmland Capitol.

LONDON, Sept. 25. The Admiralty announced today that the town and harbor of Friedrich Wilhelmland, German New Guinea, have seen seized by Australian forces,

It was also announced that the German orces which had concentrated at Heresrtshoche, New Pommerania, had beer unnihilated.

German New Guines, which now is Brith territory as a result of the Australian orces' aggressiveness, forms part of the Island of Papula, north of Australia. Its rea is approximately 300,000 square miles. Hitherto, Great Britain, Holland and Jermany have held parts of Papua.

VILLA PREPARING TO SEND HIS ARMY AGAINST CARRANZA

Concentrating Troops at Chihuahua and Torreon. Felix Diaz and Huerta's Successor to Aid New Re-

By LEWIS T. MATSON

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 25.-The real situation south of the Rio Grande was hidden today behind the curtain of censorship, and by General Francisco Villa, who has taken up arms against his former chief. Provisional President Venustiane Carranza.

It is known however that Villa is hurriedly concentrating troops at Chihuahua City and at Torreon.

Requests sent to Villa for an expression upon the statement issued by Carranza in Mexico City, in which the Provisional President expressed the belief that peace would soon be restored, brought no reply Political leaders throughout Mexico are taking sides and it is reported that General Felix Diaz, a nephew of ex-President Porfirio Diaz, and Francisco Carbajal, who succeeded Victoriano Huerta as President, are hurrying to El Paso to offer their services to Villa. Great activity exists in Juarez. Train loads of supplies are being sent south-ward. It is evident that for weeks Villa has been preparing for this emergency.

His aides declared that the Villasta army has enough ammunition and pro-visions to last "until Mexico City is VILLA PREPARING SURPRISE. There is a Villista junta here and another at Houston. There revolutionary headquarters are making vigorous efforts is evident that Villa wants to deliver a surprise atack against the army which

fident that there will not be any fighting the border, which would imperil the lives of Americans on United States soil or American property. fidently believed that the fighting will take place in the southern part of the Villa is going to lead his troops in person, whereas General Carranza in-

tends to remain in Mexico City, leaving field operations to members of his There is a feeling of anxiety apparent on the part of the representatives of General Villa as to what side, if any the United States Government will take Since the embargo on arms and ammunition was lifted vast quantities of war Juarez custom house. If the embargo is again established it will be regarded as evidence that the United States is opposed to the Villa uprising.

other hand, if this passive assistance i

given to the one-time bandit, Villa prob-

IF VILLA SHOULD WIN. The question now is: What will happen The belief is strong all along the border stitutionalist general declares that he will not be President of Mexico no matter what happens. The logical conclusion is that Villa will put a man of his own choice in the National Palace and then compel him to put through the form measures which were formerly believed to be the essence of the Constitu tionalist party's principles. these is the distribution of land among the peons. After this and other measures have been adopted Villa is expected to dishand the army. However, all this is dependent upon his winning. Persons crossing the border declare that

GARRISON ORDERS TROOPS TO REMAIN AT VERA CRUZ

sentiment in Northern Mexico is atrong-

ly in favor of Villa.

Withdrawal of American Soldiers Impossible at This Time.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 .- Secretary of War Garrison today cabled General Funston at Vera Cruz that there was no ossibility of the withdrawal of American troops within the next ten days. departure of the troops may be indefinitely postponed under pretext of civil and diplomatic difficulties, pending the outcome of the new revolt. Delay in completing formalities for turning over by General function of the port and customs colleclons to a Constitutionalist representative will operate, it was said, to postpone ruz from Mexico City by the cutting of allway and wire communication are also expected to delay the evacuation Seven transports were today loading rmy supplies at Vera Cruz in anticipation f early surrender of the city, however. Complications viewed with some appre-

immediate departure of

giving the port to any Carranga

of support between the rival leaders.

HURL BACK DEFENDERS NEAR FORTS OF VERDUN

France today are Verdun and along the Oise and Aisne Rivers, German forces have captured Varennes, west of Verdun. The Allies claim slight gains in the enveloping movemen against General von Kluk. English reinforcements are being rushed forward to strengthen the Allies' left Terrific bombardment of the Verdun-Toul line of forts continues.

Belgian forces defeated the Germans in a sharp encounter near Antwerp says the Belgian official statement, and forced them back toward Brus-A troop train was captured with 800 prisoners. Alleged peace proposals from Germany again were refused.

Russians continue pursuit of the Austrians in Galicia, despite ceaseless rains and difficulty in traversing marshy land. Smaller fortified posiway to the capture of Chyrow, an important railway centre. The Austrian garrison at Przemysl made an ineffectual sortie and were driven back to the fortress with great loss. The main Russian army is reported at Tarnow, midway between Cracow and Jaroslaw.

Japanese troops, reinforced by British territorials, began bombardment of the German fortress at Tsing-Tao. The firing was terrific. A night at tack is expected soon.

Zeppelin airships are raiding coast towns along the North Sea, and England fears an early invasion. A bombardment of Ostend last night to an air attack on British towns.

ship, is reported to have been sunk by the Kaiser Wilhelm off the South American coast, French warships are reported to have successfully the Dalmatian coast.

German War Office reports the Verdun-Toul line of forts is being battered to pieces by the German slege have been repulsed. The official statement admits severe pressure against the right wing, but insists the Allies have made no progress. The capitulation of Verdun is prerive from Metz. The capture of Varennes, east of Argonne, is an-

Petrograd reports reaching the outer fortifications of Cracow. Repulse is announced of a sortie by the Pezemysl garrison and continued pursuit of the Austrians along the River San. The General Staff expects stiff resistance at Cracow, as its occupation would jeopardize the German positions in East Prussia and Silesia. The present Russian objective is Chyrow, an important railway centre. A winter march on Berlin is planned to follow occupation

Servian War Office announces repulse of Austrians, who shelled Belgrade six hours. Victory, after bloody fighting, is reported on the Save and Danube, Austrian forces being re-

thina, chafing at Japan's proposal to build a narrow guage railroad for has mobilized troops in the northern coast provinces. The Government is anxious lest this become a perma- will have important results in the near beleaguered city. nent line, following the precedent of future. the Mukden-Antung line in the Russo-Japanese War. Movement of the combined British and Japanese forces in an assault on Tsing-Tao is

REPORT ON RHEIMS DAMAGE

American Consul From Switzerland to Investigate.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 35 - The American Consul at Lausanne, in Switzerland, has gone to Rheims to prepare a report on the damage done the Cathedral by the German shells. WAR WORRY CAUSES SUICIDE

LANCASTER, Pa. Sept. 25.-Two prospective urgent demands by Carranza farm laborer 70 years old, hanging from a rafter in the carriage shed at Stein-metr's Mennenite Church, near Schoecans and a protest from Villa against This would present a difficult and delicate neck. From remarks made by him yesterday, it is believed he committed sul-cide through brooding over the troubles iem to the President-almost a choice of Germany.

The War Today Invaders Capture Varennes, Occupy Meuse Heights and Rush on St. Mihiel in Violent Effort to Break Through Long Line of Ramparts.

> French Advance East of Rheims-Allies Continue Flanking Movement Against Teuton Right Wing and Attempt to Gain Possession of Railroad Centres.

German forces, in a determined assault on the Allies' right, have capoccupied the heights of the Meuse River and are marching on St. Mihiel, 20

These advances by the invaders were admitted in the official statement isat 3 o'clock this afternoon. It added that the French have occupied heights on the west side of the Meuse

The official report shows the Allies are making a great effort to capture the railroad centre at Tergnier.

The complete official statement fol-

On our left wing a general action of great violence is proceeding between that part of our forces which is operating between the Somme and the Oise and the army corps which the enemy has gathered in the region of Tergnier and St. Quentin. Some of these army corps come from the centre of the enemy's line and others come from Lorraine and the Vosges, the latter being transported by railroad to Cambrai by way of Liege and Valenciennes. At the north of the Aise as far as Berry-Au-Bac there

has been no important change in At the centre we have advanced on the east of Rheims toward Berry and Moron-Villiers. Farther to the east up to the Argonne forest the situation is unchanged. To the east of the Argonne the enemy has been unable to debouch from

On the right bank of the Meuse he has gained a foothold on the heights of the Meuse, on the promotory of Hatton-Chattel, and is pressing on in the direction of St. Mihiel. He has bombarded the forts of Les-Paroches and Camp Des Romaines.

On the opposite bank, to the south of Verdun, we are masters of the heights of the Meuse and our troops, debouching from Toul, have advanced to the vicinity of Beau-

On our right wing (Lorraine and the Vosges) we have repulsed some unimportant attacks on Nomeny. To the east of Luneville the enemy has made some demonstrations on the line of La Vegoure and La

The German army commanded by the Crown Prince is reported to have suc-Aire River, almost directly west of used against the French troops when Verdun. This movement, it is believed here, was to prevent the French forces relieving Verdun, which has now been

under siege more than a week. It was emphatically denied at headment the French centre has been broken. Instead, it is declared as solid as ever, and it is asserted that another and at times as these pencils of light movement, details of which are sup- flash skyward at night they reveal pressed, is already in progress which

The first statement issued from headquarters this morning added little to what was already known. It said

The fighting on the left continues. being marked by almost constant artillery fire, and the Allies have made another slight gain. On the heights of the Meuse flerce fighting continues. The enemy continues his bombardment of the Meuse forts, but they are maintaining their defense.

On the whole the situation shows a steady improvement from our standpoint. The enemy is heavily intrenched, but at no point on the left or centre has he been able to assume the offensive. The morale of our armies is excellent.

Evidences continue to multiply that the Laon-St. Quentin-Cambrai road. the scene of one of the most bitter struggles of the earlier days of the time were engaged in overhauling the war, where the crack Irish and Scotch | machines. The patrol made a dash to regiments of the British expeditionary round up the lot, but the German air-

forces were terribly decimated, will be the scene during the next few days of a supreme battle.

The army of General von Boehm, which now holds the extreme German through Valenciennes, Cambrai to St. Quentin. The French hold Peronna but they are under constant attack from the Germans, who are in force directly to the east of that town and

Fresh British troops have been landed in France and are being rushed to the front to support the exhausted soldiers who have been under fire continuously for more than a month.

ments are being placed along the Oise and the Aisne to support both the left flank and the centre of the Allies.

Fighting with the fury of demons, the French of General d'Amade's army are pressing northward and eastward, never ceasing their pounding against the German lines. With Peronne in their hands, they resumed the offensive at dawn today, only to be met with a fierce bombardment from the German guns around Roisel.

Crown Prince and Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, are making violent assaults on the fortresses of Verdun. The bombardment is described as even more vigorous than that at Liege. Gigantic German siege guns, sent forward from the German fortresses around Metz, are being ranged upon the uplands around the French city and are sending in a tornado of shells.

The Germans believe they soon will be able to reduce the Verdun forts. claiming that no defensive work in the world can be impregnable against the tremendous power of the Krupp siege

More than 5000 shells, each about five feet long and nearly 17 inches in diameter, are being hurled against the Verdun forts every 24 hours.

The cannonade goes on night and day, Trained gunners, whose life work has been the study of scientific artillery fire, are at the German front at Verdun directing the bombardment. The Germans have more than 100 heavy guns in action there, not counting the light artillery which is being

The French troops have constructed a series of elaborate redoubts. Defensive works have also been erected for the protection of the batteries upon

Rows of searchlights have been erected on the heights around Verdun, some intrepld aviator scouting over the

Counting the fresh works, which were erected to repel the German attack, there are no less than 15 forts around Verdun, on both sides of the Meuse River. The most of these are fortresses of the first-class, which were erected when the German advance against the city began. They are tested with the finest artillery in French army and the garrison conta-

It was learned at the War Office today that the French have captured five aeroplanes, although the location of this exploit was not divulged. The quintet of German Taubes were taken by a French cavalry patrol. Twenty the prize awaited them. The aviators and a number of mechanics at the